

William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, November 16, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, November 16, 1814.

Sir, Your letters of the 31st Ultimo, are the last which has reached me. The probable destination of the forces, which were to have sailed from Ireland in September last, makes me solicitous to hold in requisition all the energies of this state, and if I am supported by the Legislature now in session, you may calculate with certainty on my efficient Co-operation. The Enclosed Copy of my communication to the two Houses of the Legislature, will shew you my sentiments as to our National affairs, and how ardently I desire, that the Just war in which are engaged may be prosecuted with Union and Vigour. It is certainly true, that the Louisianians have of late manifested the most patriotic disposition, and that if the Spirit which exists, be cherished and encouraged, we have every thing to hope from the great majority of this population. The Legislature have not as yet done any thing to damp the public ardour. I hope this body will be justly impressed with the dangers to which we are exposed, and will warmly second all my efforts; But I fear, I much fear, they will not act with the promptitude and the Energy which the crisis demands.

I am Sir,